

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION OF THE  
VILLAGE OF NORTH BARRINGTON WHICH WAS HELD  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011 AT THE  
NORTH BARRINGTON VILLAGE HALL  
111 OLD BARRINGTON ROAD IN SAID VILLAGE**

**1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Approve Minutes of December 6, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting:**

At 7:32 P.M Chairman Pat Ryan called the meeting to order.

Present in Person: Chairman Pat Ryan, Vice Chairman Ann Kafka, Lisa Onyx, Wayne Onyx  
Absent: Lloyd Struttman, Jane Farrell  
Also Present: Chris Nolan, 563 Eton Drive  
Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk

The Minutes from the December 6, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting were made available to the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka moved to approve the Minutes from the December 6, 2010 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on the Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Pat Ryan declared the Minutes of the December 6, 2010 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting approved and put on file.

**2. Installation of New Goal Posts at Eton Park for Rugby**

Chris Nolan, 563 Eton Drive, provided the Commission with some background regarding the Barrington Wolfhounds Rugby Club and his involvement with them. He stated that the rugby club received new goal posts as a donation from UIC and that they are worth a significant amount of money. The goal posts are made of metal and are much sturdier than the goal posts used last year. Mr. Nolan's rugby club partner, Tim Tuffy, is a professional in the construction industry and has created a plan to install the rugby goals at Eton Park. Mr. Nolan stated that Mr. Tuffy would provide a small crew at no cost to the Village that would handle the installation of the goal posts. He also stated that the installation would consist of boring holes into the ground, filling them with gravel and cement, and that the holes in the field would be capped and covered with dirt. The holes for the goal posts would be located at the soccer field end lines, would be approximately 24 inches in diameter, and would extend wider than the soccer goals. The Commission had some questions for Mr. Nolan.

Commission member, Lisa Onyx, asked if the goal posts would be removed between games and if so, where they would be stored. Mr. Nolan stated that they were planning to remove all of the straight pieces that extend from upward from the holes. The holes would then be capped and covered with dirt between games. He also stated that he was hoping to store the straight pole pieces somewhere at Eton,

but out of the way. He stated that around the outskirts of the park, or by the baseball diamond would be a possibility since he feels that transporting the poles would be difficult for each game. Mr. Nolan stated that, if need be, he could probably work out some type of transportation and storage for the poles at a location outside of Eton Park. Ms. Onyx then asked if any heavy equipment would be needed and driven on Eton Park in order to install the goal posts. Mr. Nolan stated that he wasn't sure, but would check with Mr. Tuffy.

Chairman Ryan asked Mr. Nolan if this more permanent structure was the one they had to use or if there were more semi-permanent structures that could be considered. Mr. Nolan stated that these particular goal posts were the ones donated to the rugby club, therefore they are the ones that they hoped to use.

Vice Chairman Kafka asked Mr. Nolan to clarify that he has gone to other facilities to ask about hosting his rugby club. Mr. Nolan stated that he went to the Barrington Park District last year but there was not enough room for their club to practice with all of the other sports teams using the facilities. He also stated that his rugby club is made up of all local kids that attend Barrington High School and many of them live in North Barrington.

Chairman Ryan inquired if the rugby club were to dissolve, who would be the responsible party for making sure the holes are permanently sealed and covered? Mr. Nolan stated that he hopes the club would not dissolve anytime in the near future, but if it did, the rugby club would be responsible for sealing and covering the holes.

There was some discussion from the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka made a motion to recommend the approval of the Rugby Club's goal posts to the Board with the following provisions: the goal posts either be transported and stored between games or stored at Eton Park towards the woods by Miller Road, the Village will not take responsibility for any lost or damaged pieces or associations with the goal posts, Mr. Nolan must contact J.U.L.I.E. before digging, if the rugby club dissolves they will be responsible for seeing that the holes be permanently covered, and that if something happens at Eton Park regarding the goal posts it would be the responsibility of the rugby club to handle the issue immediately or have the Village do so on their behalf and forward any costs incurred to the rugby club; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Ryan declared the motion passed and sent to the Board for further review.

### **3. Arbor Day**

Ms. Onyx stated that she met with Village Forester Susan Allman to discuss some ideas regarding Arbor Day events. Ms. Allman wishes to have a tree planted at Eton Park this year, and also wants to use the park for the Arbor Day events. Ms. Onyx also stated that other ideas were discussed such as giving free small trees to residents, distributing the pumpkin seeds used for the Fall Fest pumpkin contest, possibly creating a small arboretum where the buckthorn was pulled with the assistance of Eagle Scouts, and/or having Mark Spreyer from the Stillman Nature Center do a raptor show. Ms. Onyx stated that Ms. Allman is planning to distribute the flyer for Arbor Day on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Allman suggested to Ms. Onyx that the Parks and Recreation Commission make a donation to Mark Spreyer for the event in an amount of \$125 and also asked them to help supply refreshments for the event.

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that she feels as if the events for Arbor Day should be held at the school, as they were last year. She stated that, in her opinion, the kids are fascinated by the events of Arbor Day and would enjoy the raptor show, pumpkin seeds, etc. The Commission also suggested some other ideas for Arbor Day such as replacing the dying by the entrance sign at Eton Park and putting the date of Fall Fest on the flyer for Arbor Day since pumpkin seeds will be distributed. Ms. Onyx stated that she would like to see more trees planted towards the back of the park. The Commission discussed the idea of using some of their budget for Arbor Day events and decided that they have too many of their own events to budget for and therefore would not be willing to use any of their budget for Arbor Day. Ms. Onyx will contact Ms. Allman to discuss the thoughts of the Parks Commission.

The Commission discussed the buying and packaging of the pumpkin seeds, since the seeds will be distributed in April.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka made a motion to approve \$200 towards the purchase of pumpkin seeds and any packaging necessary; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Ryan declared the motion passed.

#### **4. New/Old Business**

The Commission discussed possible dates for their upcoming event schedule. The possible dates and events are as follows:

##### June 18 – Concert

Chairman Ryan will be in charge of this event and finding a band for the concert. June 18<sup>th</sup> is a tentative date, as he will probably let the agreeing band choose the final date.

##### June 25 – Garden Walk

Ms. Onyx stated that this was the date Elaine Silets will be holding hers and would happy to do it in conjunction with North Barrington's garden walk as was done last year. Ms. Onyx also stated that she has many residents potentially interested in being on this year's walk including Biltmore Country Club, a resident on Kimberly Road, and a resident on Rainbow Road. She is hoping to find someone in Wynstone, or perhaps their Country Club to participate.

##### July 23 – Talent Show/Ice Cream Social

Mr. Onyx will be in charge of at least the ice cream portion of this event. He will be contacting the ice cream man for date availability, pricing, etc.

##### August 20 – Concert/Movie

Commission member Wayne Onyx will be in charge of the movie portion of this event. The same vendor that provides the ice cream for the July event also usually handles the movie showing for this event. Mr. Onyx will contact him regarding this as well.

##### October 2 – Fall Fest

The Commission has decided to keep this event on the first Sunday of October. Chairman Ryan will contact Craig Kenning regarding this date and his availability.

December 10 – Pictures with Santa

Vice Chairman Kafka stated that the Santa was available on this date.

Vice Chairman Kafka will be contacting the band Eleventh Hour to determine their availability and schedule them for one of the concerts. The band Together Again will also be playing on a date of their choice this season due to the fact that weather forced cancellation of their dates last season.

The Commission also discussed the request of a resident to allow the Park Rebates to include a fitness center membership. The Barrington Park District recently changed the way they offered some fitness classes. With the changes, a patron can now purchase a membership to the fitness center and get many fitness classes for free, as opposed to purchasing each of the classes.

There was some discussion from the Commission.

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka made a motion to approve membership to the fitness center as a viable park rebate as long as the amount paid in rebates does not exceed \$75 in any 12 month period; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was some discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

Chairman Ryan declared the motion passed.

## **5. Adjournment**

Motion: Vice Chairman Ann Kafka made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lisa Onyx.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Vote on Motion: The voice vote was unanimous in favor.

At 9:01 p.m. Chairman Pat Ryan declared the meeting adjourned.

These Minutes were approved at the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting held March 7, 2011.

ATTEST:

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Nicole Keiter, Deputy Village Clerk